



## Kingston Diocesan Council Community Life – Directive #2

### *Care for our Common Home*

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*We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop. – Saint Teresa of Calcutta*

#### **Dignity and Rights of Persons**

Diocesan Community Life Chairpersons from across Ontario have discussed the importance of addressing human trafficking. Our Provincial Community Life Chairperson, Mary Capobianco, has highlighted the following articles for our attention. "In the Fall 2019 issue of the Canadian League publication, Dorothy Johansen, Life Member and Sub-Committee Chairperson of Community Life, wrote a very comprehensive article on Human Trafficking. The article focused on the resource booklet *Pastoral Orientation*, as well as Public Canada's discussion paper *The Way Forward to End Human Trafficking*. It contains a great deal of information, clarification of legal terminology and lists recommended actions for all members. I would recommend that you take the opportunity to read through it, if you haven't already had a chance to do so."

Human trafficking in many forms (sexual exploitation, labour exploitation, ...) is a complex issue that is happening far too frequently in our society. It is our responsibility to become informed about this issue. We can help educate others and attempt to put an end to such inhumane treatment of our vulnerable brothers and sisters.

#### **C.A.R.E. Connection Project Update**

I have heard from a handful of parish councils highlighting projects they have been involved with that help reach out to community members who feel isolated and alone. Please continue to forward any new or continuing projects from your councils that help us address our provincial theme of loneliness.

Respectfully submitted.